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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (6.17 pm): Hazel Campbell was truly the centre of attention and soaking up all the excitement at the Logan Hospital six days ago as she was the very first patient at the new 28-bed ward we opened. I joined the member for Macalister and the health minister in the new 28-bed ward. It is a fantastic, innovative new ward. Some 77 staff will work there and look after the patients. With the minister I met occupational therapists, nurses, doctors and physios. They are all determined to get patients back to their best after their operations. The ward was erected in record time. This is the first instalment of the \$460 million Logan Hospital expansion. Soon to open will be the fantastic and innovative mental health decision unit. It is a new unit where people coming into emergency can be assessed in a more calm and controlled environment. It will be better for them and better for staff.

Another of our innovations—it is a couple of years old, but I do not forget about it—is the early years centre at the Browns Plains Community Health Centre. This service for new mums and bubs was cut by the Campbell Newman LNP government. Along with the member for Waterford, I fought hard to get this service back for mothers most in need.

I also want to mention the Family and Community Place adjacent to the brand-new Yarrabilba State School. It is an innovative model where services can meet people for consultations and provide services before they have a permanent base in the Yarrabilba area. Let us not forget the two ambulance stations that will be built in my area. In just eight days construction of the Yarrabilba ambulance station will commence.

We are experiencing such exciting things in the growing Logan area under the Palaszczuk Labor government. Is there any danger to this? There is. Under the LNP, in Logan we saw cuts not just to our maternity services but cuts to nurses. We saw no new ambulance stations built. There was no expansion of the Logan Hospital. I am worried that if we do not have the Palaszczuk Labor government and we are not there to fight and stand up to the LNP the entire expansion of Logan Hospital will be threatened. I urge people to get behind the Palaszczuk Labor government because we are interested in delivering and improving health care, and not the cutting, sacking and selling that hurt Logan so much.